



Muskegon Community College

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The Honorable Amanda Price
Michigan House of Representatives
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

SUBJECT: House Bill 4265 - Community College Non-Contiguous District Annexation

Dear Representative Price:

Thank you for your introduction of House Bill 4265 to allow the annexation of non-contiguous geographical areas into community college districts. Muskegon Community College (MCC) shares your interest in expanding the opportunity for Michigan families and students to enjoy an affordable, high quality education at community colleges.

For over 20 years, MCC has been serving the needs of students outside our designated community college district in Ottawa and Newaygo Counties. During the 2013-2014 academic year, MCC served over 1,100 Ottawa County students, who were enrolled in programs at several MCC locations including the MCC Main Campus, the Grand Haven Community Center, Coopersville Community Services Building, Spring Lake Middle School, and the GVSU Center in Holland. During the same period, MCC served over 400 Newaygo County students at its Main Campus, as well as at its locations in Newaygo County, which includes NCRESA, Quest, and Newaygo Center East.

In 2013, MCC's Board of Trustees approved in-district tuition rates for out-of-district students enrolled in Early College and Dual Enrollment Programs in Newaygo and Ottawa Counties. To date, hundreds of students have taken advantage of this excellent opportunity, to get started early on a quality education at an affordable in-district rate. Also, MCC is working closely with "Michigan Works" and many Newaygo and Ottawa County employers, to develop the talent needed in a 21st century economy.

MCC's in-district and out-of-district tuition rates compare very favorably to other educational institutions in our area. For example, MCC's in-district tuition is \$96 per credit hour and \$178 per credit hour for out-of-district. This compares to GRCC's \$108 per credit hour for in-district and \$216 per credit hour for out-of-district; and \$448 per credit hour for Grand Valley State University (GVSU) in-state lower level undergraduate students.

We are excited to bring our quality, cost-effective educational resources to additional families in West Michigan and fully support House Bill 4265.

Sincerely,

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President

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